## **Heartland Pro Bono Council**

Requests for Proposals Deadline: October 31, 2006

Heartland Pro Bono Council, Inc. is pleased to announce the availability of grant funds of up to \$100,000 for legal representation of the indigent in central Indiana, which includes Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan and Shelby Counties. Heartland will award one or more grants by December 31, 2006. The Request for Proposal is a preliminary application, and those organizations whose applications are approved, will be invited to submit a full Grant Application.

## **Grant Categories**

Grants for legal representation of the indigent in Central Indiana will be considered in the following categories of legal services:

- 1. Family Law cases, including divorce, paternity, custody, guardianship and post-dissolution matters;
- 2. Asylum cases;
- 3. VAWA (Violence Against Women's Act) cases involving married immigrants who are victims of domestic violence;
- 4. Human trafficking cases;
- 5. Offender Re-entry programs; or
- 6. Other

## **Grant Selection Criteria**

- 1. Funds are available for a new program or for an expansion of an existing program that provides legal services to the indigent in central Indiana.
- 2. Requests for funding for a new program must demonstrate potential for sustainability beyond the grant period.
- 3. Program demonstrates innovation and creativity in the delivery of legal services.
- 4. Applicant must be recognized as tax-exempt under 501(c) (3), 501(c)(6) or have an appropriate fiscal sponsor.
- 5. Program includes the use of pro bono attorney volunteers.

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Notification to submit a full Grant Application: November 15, 2006

Full Grant application Deadline: December 4, 2006

Funding Decision Announced: December 22, 2006

**Grant Reporting Requirements:** June 30, 2007 and December 15, 2007

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